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# RELATING TO THE SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

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Mr. MATHIAS, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 184]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered an original resolution (S. Res. 184) relating to the Senate page program, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

### BACKGROUND

On July 12, 1983, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate wrote to the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules and Administration the following letter regarding the education of Senate pages:

"DEAR SENATORS: As you may be aware, the House, upon recommendation of the House Page Board, has voted to establish a private school for the education of House pages and not to renew the contract with the District of Columbia's Board of Education.

The District has for over 35 years provided educational services for Congressional pages and it is the Leadership's feeling that with a new page program consisting of junior year pages and an updated and innovative curriculum that the District of Columbia deserves the opportunity to provide educational services under the new citeria for at least the 1983–84 school year. After that year the Senate can decide whether to continue our contract with the District of Columbia or like the House, send our pages to a private school.

With this in mind, we urge you as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Rules Committee to report a Senate Resolution (a copy of which is attached) which would enable the Secretary of the Senate to enter into a contract with the District of Columbia for educational services for the 1983–84 school year.

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Since it will be necessary to have a school in place shortly after Labor Day, it is hoped that the Committee could act favorably and expenditiously on this resolution.

Sincerely, "

COMMITTEE ACTION

At its July 22, 1983. session, the Rules and Administration Committee favorably considered an original Senate resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to contract with the Board of Education of the District of Columbia for educational services for Senate pages. Section 4 of this resolution provides: "The educational services under the Senate Page Program shall consist of an academic year comprising two terms, and a page serving in such program shall be in the 11th grade."

During consideration of this original resolution, Chairman Mathias noted that the House-passed measure, H.R. 3034, being considered at the same time by the committee, could be the legislative vehicle for bringing House and Senate page programs back together.

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